

Notice of Allowability	Application No. 10/822,375 Examiner TAN TRINH	Applicant(s) CHOI, KWANG-HAE Art Unit 2618
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 04-12-2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 2.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-2 are allowed.

Reasons for allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claim 1, the Gettleman (U.S. Patent No. 6,181,946) teaches a communication environment 400 having a subscriber unit 410 operating along a path that traverses between two server sites 420, 430, in accordance with the present invention. FIG. 5 is a summary of procedures 500 used by the subscriber unit 410 to manage neighbor cell list information during an ongoing communication session, and the signal strength for signals communicated from the first server site, as indicated by a RSSI value, may have fallen below a particular threshold. Preferably, the subscriber unit monitors neighboring sites, based on its current and available neighbor cell list, to determine suitable server site (see fig. 405 and col. 4, lines 38-61). However, Gettleman alone or in combination with other prior art of record, fail to disclose: A method for managing extended neighbor cells of a mobile terminal, comprising the steps of:

- a) performing initial power measurement when the mobile terminal is turned on;

- b) detecting and storing information on carrier lists of BCCH (Broadcast Control Channel) of a different PLMN (Public Land Mobile Network) from first power lists obtained through the initial power measurement, and entering an idle mode;
- c) determining, after starting HPLMN (Home Public Land Mobile Network) rescan timer in the idle mode, if the HPLMN rescan timer is terminated;
- d) restarting the HPLMN rescan timer to perform first power measurement when it is determined that the HPLMN rescan timer is terminated;
- e) detecting and synchronizing frequencies excluding information on present holding carrier lists of BCCH of the different PLMN from second power lists obtained through the first power measurement performed after the HPLMN rescan timer is restarted;
- f) determining if swappable PLMNs are present, from signals of the synchronized frequencies;
- g) determining if the swappable PLMNs are HPLMNs after swapping PLMNs when the swappable PLMNs are present, and returning to step d) when the swappable PLMNs are not present; and
- h) stopping the HPLMN rescan timer when the swappable PLMNs are the HPLMNs, and returning to step d) when the swappable PLMNs are not the HPLMNs, as specified in independent claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Washington, D.C. 20231

or faxed to:

(571) 273-8300, (for Technology Center 2600 only)

Hand-delivered responses should be brought to the Customer Service Window (now located at the Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tan Trinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-7888. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiners supervisor, Anderson, Matthew D., can be reached at (571) 272-4177.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **(571) 273-8300**.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the **Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office** whose telephone number is **(703) 306-0377**.

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